

## SENATE BILL No. 43

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-42-4-7.

**Synopsis:** Child seduction. Makes it child seduction, a Level 6 felony, for a law enforcement officer who is at least five years older than a child who is: (1) at least 16 years of age; and (2) less than 18 years of age; to fondle or touch the child with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the law enforcement officer. Makes it child seduction, a Level 5 felony, if the law enforcement officer engages in sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct with the child. Reconciles technical and substantive conflicts between HEA 1006-2013 (the 2013 criminal code revision bill) and other bills concerning criminal law.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-42-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.208-2013,  
2 SECTION 8, AND AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 443,  
3 IS CORRECTED AND AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section,  
5 "adoptive parent" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-6.  
6 (b) As used in this section, "adoptive grandparent" means the parent  
7 of an adoptive parent.  
8 (c) As used in this section, "charter school" has the meaning set  
9 forth in IC 20-18-2-2.5.  
10 (d) As used in this section, "child care worker" means a person who:  
11 (1) provides care, supervision, or instruction to a child within the  
12 scope of the person's employment in a shelter care facility;  
13 (2) is employed by a:  
14 (A) school corporation;  
15 (B) charter school;  
16 (C) nonpublic school; or



(D) special education cooperative;  
attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this  
chapter; or

(3) is:

(A) affiliated with a:

- (i) school corporation;
- (ii) charter school;
- (iii) nonpublic school; or
- (iv) special education cooperative;

attended by a child who is the victim of a crime under this  
chapter, regardless of how or whether the person is  
compensated;

(B) in a position of trust in relation to a child who attends the  
school or cooperative;

(C) engaged in the provision of care or supervision to a child  
who attends the school or cooperative; and

(D) at least four (4) years older than the child who is the  
victim of a crime under this chapter.

The term does not include a student who attends the school or  
cooperative.

(e) As used in this section, "custodian" means any person who  
resides with a child and is responsible for the child's welfare.

*(f) As used in this section, "mental health professional" means:*

- (1) a mental health counselor licensed under IC 25-23.6-8.5;*
- (2) a psychologist; or*
- (3) a psychiatrist.*

~~(f)~~ (g) As used in this section, "military recruiter" means a member  
of the armed forces of the United States (as defined in IC 20-33-10-2)  
or the Indiana National Guard whose primary job function,  
classification, or specialty is recruiting individuals to enlist with the  
armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard.

~~(g)~~ (h) As used in this section, "nonpublic school" has the meaning  
set forth in IC 20-18-2-12.

*(i) For purposes of this section, a person has a "professional  
relationship" with a child if:*

*(1) the person:*

- (A) has a license issued by the state or a political subdivision  
on the basis of the person's training and experience that  
authorizes the person to carry out a particular occupation; or*
- (B) is employed in a position in which counseling, supervising,  
instructing, or recruiting children forms a significant part of  
the employment; and*



(2) the person has a relationship with a child that is based on the person's employment or licensed status as described in subdivision (1).

The term includes a relationship between a child and a mental health professional or military recruiter. The term does not include a coworker relationship between a child and a person described in subdivision (1)(B).

~~(h)~~ (j) As used in this section, "school corporation" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-16.

~~(i)~~ (k) As used in this section, "special education cooperative" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-35-5-1.

~~(j)~~ (l) As used in this section, "stepparent" means an individual who is married to a child's custodial or noncustodial parent and is not the child's adoptive parent.

~~(k)~~ (m) If a person who:

(1) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

~~(2) is:~~

~~(A) the:~~

~~(i) guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent, custodian, or stepparent of; or~~

(2) is the:

(A) guardian, adoptive parent, adoptive grandparent, custodian, or stepparent of; or

(B) child care worker for;

~~(ii) child care worker for; or~~

~~(B) a military recruiter who is attempting to enlist;~~

a child at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age;

~~fondles or touches the child engages with the child in sexual intercourse, deviate other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-94 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the adult, the person commits child seduction. a felony. a Level 6 felony. However, the offense is a Level 5 felony if the person engages in sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with the child.~~

(n) A person who:

(1) has or had a professional relationship with a child at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age whom the person knows to be at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) may exert undue influence on the child because of the person's



current or previous professional relationship with the child; and  
 (3) uses or exerts the person's professional relationship to engage  
 in sexual intercourse, ~~deviate~~ **other** sexual conduct (as defined  
 in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the  
 child with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the  
 child or the person;  
 commits child seduction.

**(o) A law enforcement officer who:**

**(1) is at least five (5) years older than a child who is:**

**(A) at least sixteen (16) years of age; and**

**(B) less than eighteen (18) years of age; and**

**(2) engages with the child in:**

**(A) sexual intercourse;**

**(B) other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);**  
**or**

**(C) any fondling or touching with the child with the intent  
 to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the  
 law enforcement officer;**

**commits child seduction.**

~~(p)~~ **(p)** *In determining whether a person used or exerted the  
 person's professional relationship with the child to engage in sexual  
 intercourse, ~~deviate~~ **other** sexual conduct (as defined in  
 IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), or any fondling or touching with the intent to  
 arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the person under  
 subsection (n), the trier of fact may consider one (1) or more of the  
 following:*

*(1) The age difference between the person and the child.*

*(2) Whether the person was in a position of trust with respect to  
 the child.*

*(3) Whether the person's conduct with the child violated any  
 ethical obligations of the person's profession or occupation.*

*(4) The authority that the person had over the child.*

*(5) Whether the person exploited any particular vulnerability of  
 the child.*

*(6) Any other evidence relevant to the person's ability to exert  
 undue influence over the child.*

~~(q)~~ **(q)** *Child seduction under this section is:*

**(1) a ~~Class D~~ Level 6 felony if the person or law enforcement  
 officer engaged in any fondling or touching with the intent to  
 arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of:**

**(A) the child; or**

**(B) the person or law enforcement officer; and**



- 1           (2) a ~~Class C~~ **Level 5** felony if the person **or law enforcement**  
2           **officer** engaged in sexual intercourse or ~~deviate~~ **other** sexual  
3           conduct **(as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5)** with the child.

